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Retirement Ceremony Slated for Sept. 26

A group retirement ceremony will take place on Sept. 26 in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at 9:30 a.m. for the following individuals: Carla Ennis, Mary "Peggy" Johnson, Cedric Key, Christine Schneider, Judy Watson and Carolyn Werle, Operations Division; and Dr. Henry Berger, Norma Lettmann and Dr. Eugene Margerum, Research Division. A reception in the Snack Bar will follow the ceremony.

136th Annual Engineer Dinner Dance

All Corps of Engineers, military and civilian, active and retired, to include National Guard, Reserve, and Professional Associates of the Army Engineer family are invited to attend the 136th Annual Engineer Dinner Dance on Oct. 17, at the Andrews Air Force Base Officers' Club. This year's dinner theme is "Dedication to Freedom."

There will be a cash bar at 6 p.m. followed by dinner, a formal program and dancing. The dinner includes a combination of rosemary-roasted pork and roasted stuffed chicken breast. The cost is \$50 per person for general officers, SES, colonels, GS/GM 15s and their spouses or guests. All others are \$40 each. Dress is mess dress or Army dress blues with bow tie for military and black tie optional for civilian.

Reservations, accompanied by non-refundable check, must be received no later than Oct. 9th in the Protocol Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CECS-XP, c/o Kingman Building, 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315-3860. No reservations will be accepted by phone. Additional information is available by phone at (202) 761-1220/0045.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The 2003 theme is "Hispanic Americans: Honoring Our Past, Surpassing Our Present, and Leading Our Future."



Pentagon Quilt Collection



Inspired by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, seasoned and first-time quilters, young and old alike, fashioned quilts in honor of the lives that were lost, in gratitude for those that survived, and in appreciation for the heroic efforts of rescue workers. The Pentagon Quilt Collection is as diverse as the people who created them. These quilts sprang spontaneously from freedom-loving people in small towns and big cities across the country and the world. Some shout in unity; others whisper in grief. All are and will remain symbols of comfort and encouragement to the Pentagon community and the nation for generations. The collection can be viewed at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

For more information, visit <http://www.womensmemorial.org/>.

Blood Drive Results

Linda Bartlett, RN, reports that 26 good units of blood were collected at the Sept. 12 HECSA Blood Drive. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Dec. 5. (Connie Dutton, TEC Blood Drive Coordinator)

Bulletin Publication Change

With the establishment of an ERDC-wide Information Bulletin, which will be published every 2 weeks, individual site Bulletins will now be published in the “off” weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles and information for the site Bulletin. The next Alexandria Site Information Bulletin will be published on Oct. 2.

Handling Calls from the Media

When you receive calls from media representatives (local reporters, technical, trade, or general news media), please refer the caller to the Public Affairs Office (PAO) before responding to any questions. PAO will work with you, the reporter, and our command staff to determine how TEC as an organization can best respond. PAO will arrange an interview between you and the reporter if appropriate, and will answer any follow-up calls. This procedure will help TEC personnel prepare properly for answering media questions.

The intention of this request is not to restrict anyone’s freedom to speak to the press. It will, however, ensure all concerned, when speaking as representatives of TEC, have the big picture and a complete background on the issue at hand. It also ensures the coordination with our executive staff, which is ultimately responsible for the image portrayed by TEC to the press.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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